

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A method comprising:

providing an assembly of a blank sheet and a hinge strip, the hinge strip including a mounting strip having a plurality of mounting holes therein and first and second connecting strips, the first and second connecting strips formed of a dissimilar material from the mounting strip, wherein the first connecting strip is a separate component from the second connecting strip, the mounting strip spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, the first connecting strip having a first end portion adhesively attached to a first side of the mounting strip and having a second end portion adhesively attached to the blank sheet along a first side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet, and the second connecting strip having a first end portion adhesively attached to a second side of the mounting strip and having a second end portion adhesively attached to the blank sheet along a second side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet;

sending the assembly through a printer to print a photographic image on the blank sheet; and

mounting the assembly in an album using the mounting strip.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is cotton rag paper material.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is an uncoated, unbleached paper.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes printing an image such that the image becomes integral with the paper.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes sending the assembly through a desktop digital printer.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~the mounting strip includes mounting holes and~~ mounting the assembly in an album includes using the mounting holes.

10. (currently amended) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing an assembly of a blank photo-printable sheet and a hinge strip spaced apart by a gap from [[the]] an edge of the blank photo-printable sheet and connected by connecting strips thereto, the connecting strips formed of a flexible polymeric film, the hinge strip including a mounting portion including a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the hinge strip to an album, the mounting portion formed of a paper material, wherein the assembly is dimensioned to go through a desktop printer; and

sending the assembly through a feed mechanism of a desktop printer to print a photographic image upon the sheet;

wherein the mounting portion and the connecting strips are flexible such that the mounting portion and the connecting strips do not disrupt the step of sending the assembly through the feed mechanism of the desktop printer.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising binding the assembly in an album using the mounting portion of the hinge strip.

12. (cancelled)

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the blank photo-printable sheet includes a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

14. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the hinge strip includes an acid-free hinge strip.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the gap has a width in the range of about 0.375 inches.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the gap has a width in the range of about 0.375 inches.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet comprises a photo-grade material.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the blank photo-printable sheet comprises a photo-grade material.

19. (currently amended) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing a blank photo-grade sheet, a mounting strip, a first connecting strip formed of a first strip of flexible polymeric film, and a second connecting strip formed of a second strip of flexible polymeric film discontinuous from the first strip of flexible polymeric film, the mounting strip formed of a dissimilar material from the first and second connecting strips;

positioning [[a]] the mounting strip along an edge of the blank sheet and spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, the mounting strip including a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the assembly in a photo album, and

adhesively attaching [[a]] the first connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a first side of the blank sheet; [[and]]

adhesively attaching the first connecting strip to the mounting strip along a first side of the mounting strip, such that the first connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet;

adhesively attaching the second connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a second side of the blank sheet; and

adhesively attaching the second connecting strip to the mounting strip along a second side of the mounting strip, such that the second connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet.

20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo page, the method comprising:

a) providing a roll of blank photo-grade paper, a first roll of adhesive tape, a second roll of adhesive tape, and a roll of board material;

b) concurrently sending an unrolled layer of the blank photo-grade paper, an unrolled layer of the first roll of adhesive tape, an unrolled layer of the second roll of adhesive tape, and an unrolled layer of the roll of paper board material through a page making machine;

wherein as the layers are concurrently sent through the page making machine the following steps are performed:

i) positioning the layer of the roll of paper board material along an edge of the layer of the blank photo-grade paper and spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the layer of the roll of blank photo-grade paper;

ii) adhesively attaching the layer of the first roll of adhesive tape along a first side of the layer of the blank photo-grade paper;

iii) adhesively attaching the layer of the first roll of adhesive tape along a first side of the layer of the roll of paper board material, such that the layer of the first roll of adhesive tape spans the gap between the layer of the roll of paper board material and the layer of the roll of blank photo-grade paper;

iv) adhesively attaching the layer of the second roll of adhesive tape along a second side of the layer of the blank photo-grade paper;

v) adhesively attaching the layer of the second roll of adhesive tape along a second side of the layer of the roll of paper board material, such that the layer of the second roll of adhesive tape spans the gap between the layer of the roll of paper board material and the layer of the roll of blank photo-grade paper;

thereby forming a continuous sheet of material formed of the layer of the blank photo-grade paper, the layer of the first roll of adhesive tape, the layer of the second roll of adhesive tape, the layer of the roll of paper board material; and

vi) cutting the continuous sheet of material to create single pages sized for mounting in an album, wherein each single page includes a blank photo-grade sheet formed of a length of the layer of the blank photo-grade paper, a mounting strip formed of a length of the layer of the roll of paper board material, a first connecting strip formed of a length of the layer of the first roll of adhesive tape, and a second connecting strip formed of a length of the layer of the second roll of adhesive tape.